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1. The reply brief and request for oral hearing filed July 3, 2001 have been entered and considered. The examiner waives her right to present arguments at the oral hearing. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

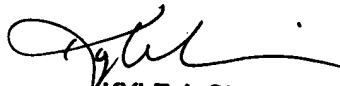
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2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Susanna M. Diaz whose telephone number is (703) 305-1337. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 9 am - 5 pm.

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